

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Paper filed on October 3, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 11-18 (renumbered 1-17).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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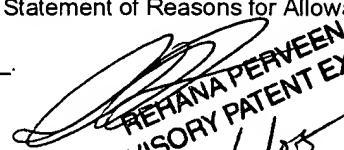
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9 and 11-18 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 1-9 and 11 is the inclusion of the limitations, "setting an interrupt pending flag in response to assertion of the interrupt signal; in response to the interrupt being serviced, generating a first ordered message, the first ordered message notifying the subject I/O device that the interrupt has been serviced; generating a second ordered message for clearing the interrupt pending flag; sending the first ordered message to the given port of the I/O bridge; sending the second ordered message to the given port of the I/O bridge after the first message has been sent" as recited in independent claim 1. The prior art is not directed to a method having the claimed combination of steps, including the steps of sending first and second ordered messages to the given port of the I/O bridge, in the manner claimed.

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 12-18 is the inclusion of the limitations, "the processor, upon servicing the interrupt, sends first and second ordered messages to the given port of the I/O bridge, the first ordered message notifying the subject I/O device that the interrupt has been serviced, and the second ordered message clearing the interrupt pending flag; the subject I/O device deasserts the interrupt signal in response to the first message; and the interrupt pending flag is cleared in response to the second ordered message" as recited in independent claim 12. The prior art is not directed to a computer system having the claimed combination

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of structure, including a processor that sends first and second ordered messages to the given port of the I/O bridge, in the manner claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donna K. Mason whose telephone number is (571) 272-3629. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark H. Rinehart can be reached on (571) 272-3632. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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